

*I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*  
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Resolution No. 183 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to memorializing and acknowledging the accomplishments of former Senator, businessman and government official of Guam, the late Honorable Austin J. "Sonny" Shelton, on the occasion of his untimely passing, and offering condolences to his family.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM;**

**WHEREAS,** the Honorable Austin J. Shelton was born in Guam at the 22<sup>nd</sup> General Hospital on June 30, 1949, the only child of the late Austin James Shelton and the late Amanda "Mac" Pangelinan Guzman Shelton, and was called to his eternal rest on September 7, 2008; and

**WHEREAS,** the Honorable Austin J. Shelton grew up in Guam, graduating from Father Dueñas Memorial High School in 1967 and attended the University of Guam and Texas State Technical Institute; and

**WHEREAS,** the Honorable Austin J. Shelton immersed himself into the world of commerce, becoming President of the family business, Shelton Music Company Incorporated, in 1978, succeeding his ailing father; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton later began his own business, AJS Incorporated, in 1982, expanding his commercial interests beyond those of Shelton Music; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986 the Honorable Austin J. Shelton was an outspoken community leader and was encouraged to seek public office where he achieved success in his first attempt, winning a seat in the 19<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature, where he served as the Chairman of the powerful Rules Committee, Vice Chairman of the Energy, Utilities and Consumer Protection Committee, and also held the position of Secretary General of the Guam Associate Group of the Asian Pacific Parliamentarians Union, and was a member of the Association of Pacific Island Leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989 the Honorable Austin J. Shelton returned to his business interests for several years prior to his temporary appointment as General Manager of the Guam Power Authority in 1995, and then assumed the duties of Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, a position he held until 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1999 to 2000 the Honorable Austin J. Shelton held the position of Public Auditor, and later served as Acting Director/Deputy Director of the Department of Administration in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Austin J. Shelton was a civic-minded individual who always gave willingly of his time to assist the community, serving as a Life Member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks since 1978; he was former Council President, Finance Chairman and member of the Nino Perdido Y Sagrada Familia Catholic Church in Asan; he served as a member of the Guam Shrine Club/Aloha Temple since 1980

and held the position of Vice President from 1994 to 1995; from 1998 to 2000 he was a volunteer in the 4-H Summer Youth Fishing Program for the University of Guam's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; for the 2000-2001 school year he was Father Duenas Memorial High School Football Booster Club President; and he served as Brother of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community of the Neo-Catechumenal Way of Asan Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Austin J. Shelton is survived by his widow, Mrs. Graciella Shinohara Shelton; children Melinda S. and Raymond Slattery; Madeline A. Shelton, Austin J. Shelton II, and Amanda L. Shelton; and grandchildren Trinidad, Kaya, Mariana, Raymond and Gabryelle; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize and acknowledge the accomplishments and achievements of the late Honorable Austin J. Shelton and that pursuant to Title 1 Guam Code Annotated § 419, a State Funeral be accorded in his honor on Monday, September 15, 2008; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby extend its condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Honorable Austin J. Shelton on his untimely passing; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Honorable Austin J. Shelton: to his widow, Mrs. Graciella Shinohara Shelton; to his children and their spouses, Melinda S. and Raymond Slattery; Madeline A. Shelton, Austin J.

Shelton II, and Amanda L. Shelton; and to his grandchildren, Trinidad, Kaya, Mariana, Raymond and Gabryelle; and to the Governor of Guam.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER, 2008.**